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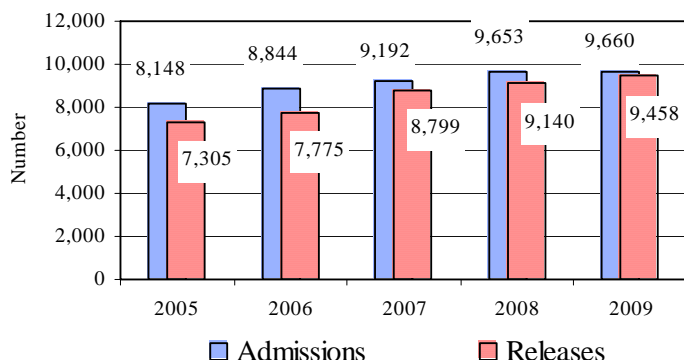
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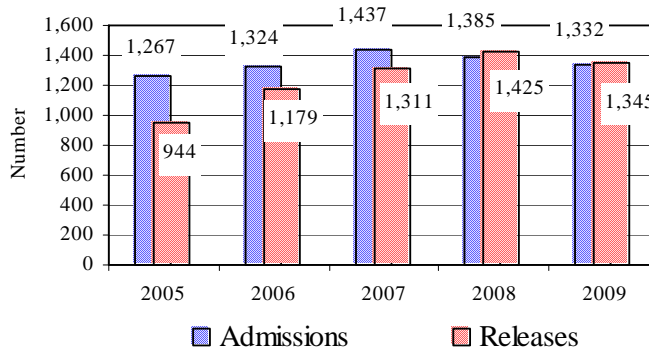
>> Prison Admissions and Releases by Fiscal Year* <<

Recent trends on the number of admissions and releases for the adult prison system and the Youthful Offender System (YOS) are reported in this bulletin. Fiscal year 2009 figures are preliminary and reflect admission data, which differs slightly from sentencing data reported later in the annual statistical report.

Adult Males



Adult Females



* Fiscal years 2009 figures are preliminary and reflect admissions data, compared to sentence data for fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

Annual Growth Rate for Fiscal Year 2005 to 2009

Fiscal Year	Admissions			Releases		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2005	14%	30%	16%	10%	11%	10%
2006	8%	3%	8%	6%	25%	9%
2007	4%	9%	5%	13%	11%	13%
2008	5%	-4%	4%	4%	9%	5%
2009	0%	-4%	0%	3%	-6%	2%

**ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES BY GENDER
FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND FISCAL YEAR 2009**

ADULT	MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL		
	2008	2009	Change	2008	2009	Change	2008	2009	Change
ADMISSIONS									
New Court Commitments	5,464	5,171	-5.4%	832	751	-9.7%	6,296	5,922	-5.9%
Parole Returns									
Technical	2,948	3,343	13.4%	405	433	6.9%	3,353	3,776	12.6%
New Felony	1,089	999	-8.3%	132	132	0.0%	1,221	1,131	-7.4%
Total Parole Returns	4,037	4,342	7.6%	537	565	5.2%	4,574	4,907	7.3%
Other ^a	152	147	-3.3%	16	16	0.0%	168	163	-3.0%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	9,653	9,660	0.1%	1,385	1,332	-3.8%	11,038	10,992	-0.4%
RELEASES									
Parole ^b									
Discretionary	4,769	3,531		827	587		5,596	4,118	
Mandatory	1,946	1,995		281	250		2,227	2,245	
Mandatory – Wknd		905			120			1,025	
Mandatory Reparole ^c	908	964		144	154		1,052	1,118	
Mandatory Reparole - Wknd		477			53			530	
Total Parole	7,623	7,872	3.3%	1,252	1,164	-7.0%	8,875	9,036	1.8%
Discharges									
Sentence Discharges	1,144	1,244	8.7%	129	145	12.4%	1,273	1,389	9.1%
Martin/Cooper Discharges ^d	93	63	-32.3%	1	0	-100.0%	94	63	-33.0%
Total Discharges	1,237	1,307	5.7%	130	145	11.5%	1,367	1,452	6.2%
Other ^e	280	279	-0.4%	43	36	-16.3%	323	315	-2.5%
TOTAL RELEASES	9,140	9,458	3.5%	1,425	1,345	-5.6%	10,565	10,803	2.3%
YOS:									
ADMISSIONS	58	58	0.0%	1	3	200.0%	59	61	3.4%
RELEASES	46	59	28.3%	3	4	33.3%	49	63	28.6%

^a Other admissions include returns from a prior release to probation, court order discharge or appeal bond; interstate compact; and YOS terminations.

^b Due to the decrease in community transportation services, the Department implemented a procedural change in December 2005 with regards to releasing inmates on weekends. As a result of this change, discretionary releases have increased and mandatory releases have decreased. December 2008 implementation of electronic coding enabled these releases to be correctly classified as discretionary or mandatory releases.

^c Offenders revoked by the Parole Board reparole on a set date established by the Board, previously reported in discretionary parole.

^d The Colorado Supreme Court decision on July 2001 resulted in the discharge of sex offenders who would have released to parole previously.

^e Other releases include releases to probation, court order discharge, appeal bond, and deceased.

- **Fiscal Year 2009 Releases nearly equal Admissions.**
 - **Female Releases exceed Female Admissions for the second year.**
 - **Female Admission percent of population has declined for the second year.**
- **This is the second year that New Court Commitments decreased.**
 - **Both Male and Female New Court Commitments decreased.**
 - **Male Parole Releases increased while Female Parole Releases decreased.**
- **Female compounded growth FY 2005 through FY 2009 - Admission increased 1.3% while Releases decreased 9.3%**
- **Male compounded growth FY 2005 through FY 2009 - Admission increased 4.3% while Releases increased 6.7%.**

**ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES BY TYPE
FISCAL YEAR 2005 TO FISCAL YEAR 2009**

ADULT	2005	Change	2006	Change	2007	Change	2008	Change	2009	Change
ADMISSIONS										
New Court Commitments	5,789	8.9%	6,149	6.2%	6,380	3.8%	6,296	-1.3%	5,922	-5.9%
Parole Returns										
Technical	2,649	15.2%	2,792	5.4%	3,047	9.1%	3,353	10.0%	3,776	12.6%
New Felony	835	85.6%	1,034	23.8%	1,014	-1.9%	1,221	20.4%	1,131	-7.4%
Total Parole Returns	3,484	-56.8%	3,826	9.8%	4,061	6.1%	4,574	12.6%	4,907	7.3%
Other ^a	160	64.9%	193	20.6%	188	-2.6%	168	-10.6%	163	-3.0%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	9,433	15.5%	10,168	7.8%	10,629	4.5%	11,038	3.8%	10,992	-0.4%
RELEASES										
Parole ^b										
Discretionary	1,598		2,813		5,069		5,596		4,118	
Mandatory	3,444		3,192		2,375		2,227		2,245	
Mandatory – Wknd									1,025	
Mandatory Reparole ^c	1,244		1,178		1,064		1,052		1,118	
Mandatory Reparole - Wknd									530	
Total Parole	6,286	17.2%	7,183	14.3%	8,508	18.4%	8,875	4.3%	9,036	1.8%
Discharges										
Sentence Discharges	893		1,246	39.5%	1,168	-6.3%	1,273	9.0%	1,389	9.1%
Martin/Cooper Discharges ^d	683		151	-77.9%	115	-23.8%	94	-18.3%	63	-33.0%
Total Discharges	1,576	-10.4%	1,397	-11.4%	1,283	-8.2%	1,367	6.5%	1,452	6.2%
Other ^e	387	1.3%	374	-3.4%	319	-14.7%	323	1.3%	315	-2.5%
TOTAL RELEASES	8,249	9.9%	8,954	8.5%	10,110	12.9%	10,565	4.5%	10,803	2.3%
YOS:										
ADMISSIONS	54	-19.4%	58	7.4%	61	5.2%	59	-3.3%	61	3.4%
RELEASES	68	-6.8%	60	-11.8%	70	16.7%	49	-30.0%	63	28.6%

See footnotes a through e contained on page two.

- Adult admissions in fiscal year 2009 decreased 0.4% from 2008.
 - New court commitments decreased 5.9%.
 - Total parole returns increased 7.3%.
- Adult releases increased 2.3% in fiscal year 2009.
 - Total parole releases increased by 1.8%.
 - Total discharges from incarceration were 6.2% higher.
- Y.O.S. admissions increased by two offenders (3.4%).
- Y.O.S. releases increased by 14 offenders (28.6% higher).